

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of processing documents received on a server system comprising:

storing a plurality of references on the server system, wherein the plurality of references are electronic documents, the plurality of references comprising a first reference comprising a set of reference information to be disclosed to a patent office;

receiving a citation document ~~document~~ on the server system, wherein the citation document is an electronic document including citation information for one or more prior art reference documents;

providing communication between the server system and a client system, wherein the client system is configured to provide interaction between a user and the server system;

displaying the citation information in the citation document to a user of a client ~~system system~~, in a first display section; and

displaying, ~~identifier~~ in a second display section, an identifier corresponding to the first reference; and

providing an interface element associated with the identifier, wherein the interface element is configured to receive, from the user, input pertaining to the first reference, the input comprising information about a relationship between at least some of the citation information in the citation document and the first reference.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the displayed citation information includes information about one or more prior art reference documents submitted to a patent office and an indication of whether or not each prior art reference document was considered by the patent office, and the input received from the user indicates whether or not the first reference was considered by the patent office.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein displaying the citation information includes displaying an image file of a form received from a patent office.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the form is a notice of references cited by a patent applicant.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the form is a notice of references cited by a patent office.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first reference is a patent, and wherein the identifier comprises a patent number associated with the patent.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the identifier comprises a United States Patent number.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the identifier comprises a foreign patent number.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the reference is a published patent application and identifier comprises a serial number of the published patent application.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises a title of a publication.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises a link to the first reference.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the interface element comprises a yes check box and a no check box and wherein the yes check box is mouse is configured to receive input indicating that the first reference has been considered by a patent office, and the no check box is mouse is configured to receive input indicating that the first reference has not been considered by the patent office.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the displayed citation information includes information about one or more prior art reference documents discovered by a patent office, and the input received from the user includes information about additional electronic documents corresponding to the references discovered by the patent office but not stored on the server system.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the interface element is configured to allow the user to indicate an additional electronic document from an external source, and the information is entered by loading an electronic document from an external source.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the citation document is received by electronic mail.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of references stored on the server system is an electronic version of a United States Patent.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of references stored on the server system is an electronic version of a foreign patent document.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of references stored on the server system is an ~~electronic version~~ electronic version of a publication.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying, in the second display section, a plurality of identifiers, each of the plurality of identifiers corresponding to one of the references stored on the server system; and

providing a plurality of interface elements, each of the plurality of interface elements being associated with one of the plurality of identifiers.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for processing documents, the system comprising:

a server system comprising a first processor and a first computer readable memory comprising a first set of instructions executable by the first processor, the first set of instructions comprising:

instructions to store a plurality of references, wherein the plurality of references are electronic documents, the plurality of references comprising a first reference comprising a set of reference information to be disclosed to a patent office; and

instructions to receive a citation document, wherein the citation document is an electronic document comprising citation information for one or more prior art reference documents; and

a client system in communication with the server system, the client system comprising a second processor and a second computer readable memory comprising a second set of instructions executable by the second processor, the second set of instructions comprising:

instructions to display for a user, in a first display section, the citation document;

instructions to display, in a second display section, an identifier corresponding to the first reference; and

instructions to provide an interface element associated with the identifier, wherein the interface element is configured to receive, from the user, input pertaining to the first reference, the input comprising information about a relationship between at least some of the citation information in the citation document and the first reference.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer program embodied on at least one computer readable memory, the computer program comprising a set of instructions executable by one or more processors, the set of instructions comprising:

instructions to store a plurality of references, wherein the plurality of references are electronic documents, the plurality of references comprising a first reference comprising a set of reference information to be disclosed to a patent office; and

instructions to receive a citation document, wherein the citation document is an electronic document comprising citation information for one or more prior art reference documents;

instructions to display for a user, in a first display section, the citation document;

instructions to display, in a second display section, an identifier corresponding to the first reference; and

instructions to provide an interface element associated with the identifier, wherein the interface element is configured to receive, from the user, input pertaining to the first reference, the input comprising information about a relationship between at least some of the citation information in the citation document and the first reference.